

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising:  
~~a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or~~  
a food or drink, and  
~~at least~~  
consisting of about 5% to 10% of at least one isolated yeast belonging to  
*Kluyveromyces marxianus* or *Kluyveromyces lactis*,  
wherein said composition contains an amount of said at least one yeast sufficient to  
reduce cholesterol when administered to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1 which contains an  
amount of isolated *Kluyveromyces marxianus* sufficient to reduce cholesterol when  
administered to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, which is a food or  
drink.

Claims 4-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, which is a food or  
drink comprising *Kluyveromyces marxianus* and *Kluyveromyces lactis*.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 1, wherein said  
composition is a food or drink comprising an amount of *Kluyveromyces marxianus* or  
*Kluyveromyces lactis* sufficient to reduce cholesterol in a subject ingesting said food or drink.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, which comprises  
*Kluyveromyces marxianus*.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, which comprises  
*Kluyveromyces lactis*.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, wherein said  
*Kluyveromyces marxianus* or *Kluyveromyces lactis* are live cells.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, wherein said  
*Kluyveromyces marxianus* or *Kluyveromyces lactis* are heated cells.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, wherein said  
*Kluyveromyces marxianus* or *Kluyveromyces lactis* are in the form of a lyophilized product.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, wherein said  
*Kluyveromyces marxianus* or *Kluyveromyces lactis* are in the form of a milled product.

Claims 28-32 (Cancelled)

Claim 33 (New): A food comprising:  
a nutritious food base which does not contain *Kluyveromyces*, and  
at least 5% of at least one isolated yeast belonging to *Kluyveromyces marxianus* or  
*Kluyveromyces lactis*,

wherein said composition contains an amount of said at least one yeast sufficient to reduce cholesterol when administered to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 34 (New): The food of Claim 33, wherein said food base comprises fermented milk.

Claim 35 (New): The food of Claim 33, wherein said food base comprises a fruit juice.

Claim 36 (New): The food of Claim 33, wherein said food base comprises a soup.

Claim 37 (New): The food of Claim 33, wherein said food base comprises a cake or cookie base.